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PAUL'S NOTE

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At the council meeting on Wednesday night, the mayor read a proclamation declaring September 15, next Thursday, Imagine a Day Without Water Day.

This is an annual event put on by the Value of Water Coalition, a group of water utilities and firms that deal with water issues.

The aim is to be aware of all the big and small ways you use water every day: bathing, drinking, cleaning the dishes, filling the dog dish, rinsing off those veggies.

This isn't just a good civics exercise, we may need to find ways of using less water sooner than you think.

In the Arizona Daily Star this week, Tony Davis reported record low levels of water at Lake Powell. Currently, the lake is only 85 feet over

the level that states in the Upper Colorado Basin would be mandated to feed Lake Powell from their own reservoirs. A drop of another 35 feet would mean that Glen Canyon Dam would be unable to generate power.

Neither of these directly affects Tucson. Our local power is not generated by Glen Canyon and it goes without saying that we don't get water from Utah or Wyoming. But, down river from Lake Powell is Lake Mead. It is the water level in Lake Mead that determines when rationing happens for customers of the Central Arizona Project.

The current level is only a few inches above 1075 feet. If it is less than 1075 in January, Arizona starts losing its allocation. The first group that will get hit will be agricultural users. It will only be in the later stages that Tucson will be af-

fected, but it is foreseeable if the level continues to plunge.

I had a stark reminder of the changing of Tucson's water realities at the council meeting the other night. There are two residences just south of town that need water service because their wells ran dry. All of Tucson was served by wells only a few decades ago. Now, in most areas of our valley it would be impractical to get served by groundwater. It's a scarce resource and we now rely on the CAP. Still, we need to understand that whether we get it from CAP or a well, water in our desert will always be a scarce resource.

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Of course, the main topic of discussion on Wednesday night was bus fares. I'll save the details of my proposal

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until next week's newsletter so I can give you a complete run down of my proposal. I just wanted you to know that I don't take the subject of bus fares lightly. I interviewed approximately fifty bus riders, looked at several bus systems nationwide, scoured the National Transit Database and incorporated the recommendations of Jarret Walker, a world renowned transit expert that has been consulting with us.

It's a complicated issue: how do we continue to serve low income riders, often the ones who have no other means of transportation, but also maintain a level of service to attract "choice riders," whose fares keep the system viable for the low income riders?

More details on my plan next week. Thank you all and have a great weekend.

VACCINATION CLINIC

The Southern Arizona Humane Society and I are sponsoring a vaccination clinic for dogs at the Ward 2 office (7575 E Speedway) on September 17 from 8 am – 10 am. Dogs will receive a free rabies vaccine, and distemper/parvo vaccinations will be available for \$12. This is a dog only vaccination event, and dogs must be three months or older to receive a rabies vaccine.

There will be a 150 dog limit and be ready to wait in line with your dog. For more information, call the Humane Society of Southern Arizona at 881-0321.



Don't fight the CANCER battle alone !

LET'S BEAT CANCER TOGETHER

Join Tucson's Original **BEAT CANCER BOOT CAMP**

- Fitness • Camaraderie • Cancer survivors - young and young at heart!
- Caregivers, loved ones and ANYONE ready to beat cancer before it affects your life.



This wellness event will feature resources from community cancer programs, nutritional experts, fitness fair and guest appearances from VIP community leaders.

MORRIS K. UDALL PARK AMPHITHEATER

7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd., Tucson

September 10, 2016 Saturday 8:00 am



For more information contact
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Studies suggest that physical activity may help cancer survivors live longer by: reducing the risk of cancer recurrence of slowing cancer progression and reducing the risk of other life threatening diseases including second primary cancers.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Health and Wellness Fair: The Health and Wellness Fair will be on Thursday, September 29 from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be vendors, presentations, raffle, prizes and more.

Aquatic Fitness: A free aquatic fitness class will be on Tuesday, August 30 from 8 am to 10:30 am. It will include a safety talk and snacks. Sponsored by CareMore.

Please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Fall Program Guide and Parks and Recreation Leisure Classes: The Tucson Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide has been published, and registrations have started. The Fall Leisure classes for Session I takes place from August 28-October 15. Session II of classes will run October 23-December 10. For class and program availability, call Registration Services at 791-4877. Visit www.ezeereg.com for additional information.

City Softball: The City Softball League season begins August 15. Walk-in registrations are currently taking place at the Sports Unit located at 8155 E Poinciana Drive. Registration ends August 5.

The Arizona Symphonic WINDS- Concerts: The WINDS concert series will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd) on September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, and from 7 pm to 9 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket. For more information visit: <http://azwinds.com/>

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 7**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

